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IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **PD-6**

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AID-TO-CITIES  
FLORENCE AVENUE AT WALKER AVENUE  
CITY OF BELL  
RESOLUTION NO. 3869  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
4 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Find that the project to improve the traffic signal at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Walker Avenue is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, and adopt the enclosed Resolution under the authority of Section 1680 of the Streets and Highways Code finding that the proposed improvements are of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended, therefore, in the amount of \$32,014.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The City of Bell has requested payment of \$32,014 in Aid-To-Cities (ATC) funds previously allocated to the City for a project to improve the traffic signal at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Walker Avenue. The proposed improvements consist of installing a new underground signal conduit, new signal poles, a new controller cabinet, and electrical service and light emitting modules.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of

general county interest and that county-aid shall be extended therefore. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city. The County's ATC program was formally initiated by the Board of Supervisors in the 1940s and provided for the County to allocate a portion of its State gasoline tax funds to cities in Los Angeles County on a formula basis. In 1990, the Board revised the policy for the 1989-90 ATC Fund allocations. This policy provides that all 1989-90 ATC monies be utilized for the following purposes:

- (1) Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects.
- (2) Transportation Systems Management and Congestion Management projects that improve regional traffic mobility.
- (3) Design, acquisition of right of way, and construction of city streets on the County's Highway Plan, which are of general County interest and regional significance, providing that the regional priorities in 1 and 2 are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

Beginning in Fiscal Year 1990-91, annual ATC allocations were discontinued. However, some cities have yet to claim the ATC funds allocated to them in the preceding years.

We have reviewed the proposed project and have determined that it meets all criteria for use of 1989-90 ATC funds. The requested amount of \$32,014 represents all of the money remaining to the credit of the City in its County ATC allocation for 1989-90 and prior fiscal years.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides the City with County assistance in the improvements to its streets for the benefit of the motoring public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The County's anticipated expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually in the Road Fund Budget administered by us. The \$32,014 necessary to finance this request is available in the Fiscal Year 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

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### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. Based on the scope of work, the proposed project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1 (x) 4 of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301, Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

As the anticipated expenses for the ATC program are budgeted annually, there will be no impact on current services or projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us with an executed copy of the Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3869**

IT IS RESOLVED that the proposed traffic signal improvements at the intersection of Florence Avenue and Walker Avenue is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended, therefore, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$32,014, from the Road Fund for this purpose and that this amount be paid to the City of Bell for said purpose upon written request to the Director of Public Works when work is about to be started and when money is available in the County Treasury.

Provided, however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund, and provided also that, immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Director of Public Works, showing the application of this money for the work performed, and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

LLOYD W. PELLMAN  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy